Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 4, as follows:

In Fig. 1, a pistol according to the invention is only quite schematically shown. It consists of a grip 1, a barrel slide 2 and a barrel 3. The upper part of the grip 1 constitutes a housing 6 with a guide 4 in which the barrel slide 2 is displaceable in longitudinal direction ~~(=~~i.e., firing direction~~)~~. The housing 6 downwardly passes over into a trigger guard 5 and into ~~the~~ a handling part 7. The barrel 3 is movably guided in the barrel slide 2, as is ~~merely~~ schematically shown.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4, as follows:

Fig. 5 shows the cooperation of the dog 24 with the projection 29 on barrel 3 on a greatly enlarged scale. The projection 29 has a first inclined surface 40 up front, viewed in firing direction, and a first catch face 44 in the rear, viewed in firing direction. The dog 24 has a second inclined surface 42 in the rear, viewed in firing direction, and a second catch face 46 up front. The two inclined surfaces 40, 41 are parallel plane surfaces here, and their normal lines 39 on their surfaces enclose an angle 41 with the longitudinal axis of the barrel ~~axis~~. However, ~~they~~ the inclined surfaces could also be designed to be crowned. The angle 41 must be larger than the angle of

friction whose tangent is the friction value μ between the two inclined surfaces 40, 41. It is assumed that the pole of rotation, or the pivot axis, respectively, of the lever has approximately the same distance from the plane of symmetry of the pistol as the inclined surfaces.